

# **AGENDA**

**Ordinary Meeting of Council** 

Tuesday 27 June 2023

6.00pm

**Council Chambers** 



# NOTICE OF AN ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Dear Mayor and Councillors** 

The next Ordinary Meeting of the City of Albany will be held on Tuesday 27 June 2023 in the Council Chambers, 102 North Road, Yakamia commencing at 6.00pm.

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Andrew Sharpe

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** 

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# 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

Apologies:

# 2. PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL LAND OWNERS

"Heavenly Father, we thank you for the peace and beauty of this area. Direct and prosper the deliberations of this Council for the advancement of the City and the welfare of its people. Amen."

"We would like to acknowledge the Noongar people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land.

We would also like to pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging".

# 3. RECORD OF APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mayor	D Wellington
Councillors:	
Breaksea Ward	P Terry
Breaksea Ward	A Cruse
Frederickstown Ward	G Stocks
Frederickstown Ward	M Traill
Kalgan Ward	T Brough
Kalgan Ward	M Benson-Lidholm JP
Vancouver Ward	J Shanhun
Vancouver Ward	D Baesjou
West Ward	S Smith
West Ward	S Grimmer
Yakamia Ward	C Thomson
Yakamia Ward	R Sutton
Staff:	
Chief Executive Officer	A Sharpe
Executive Director Corporate & Commercial Services	M Gilfellon
Executive Director Infrastructure, Development	
& Environment	P Camins
Executive Director Community Services	N Watson
Manager Planning and Building Services	J Van Der Mescht
Meeting Secretary	J Williamson

#### 4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Name	Report Item Number	Nature of Interest
Councillor Terry	DIS356	<b>Financial.</b> The nature of the interest being that one of the tenderers would be classified as a closely associated person to Councillor Terry.

#### 5. REPORTS OF MEMBERS

# 6. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23 May 2023, Ms Paulley asked two questions which were taken on notice. Responses to those questions have been provided by email to Ms Paulley (Synergy Ref. EF23287418) and are provided below.

Please will the City confirm its vision for creating a Net Zero Carbon Emissions Plan and by what date the City of Albany intends to achieve Net Zero?

**Response**: The City has recently approved the Corporate Power Plan. The next stage is to transition to a Corporate Roadmap to Net Zero, which subject to budget endorsement, will be developed next financial year. The scope of this roadmap is yet to be determined and it is therefore too early to state what year will be targeted to be net zero.

The City's Climate Action Declaration was due for review in October 2022. Please advise what were the outcomes of any review and please provide a copy of the review report.

**Response:** A review of the City's Climate Action Declaration is in progress. Outcomes of this review will be reported back to Council through its governance processes.

# 7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In accordance with City of Albany Standing Orders Local Law 2014 (as amended):

Clause 5) The Presiding Member may decide that a public question shall not be responded to where—

- (a) the same or similar question was asked at a previous Meeting, a response was provided and the member of the public is directed to the minutes of the Meeting at which the response was provided;
- (b) the member of the public asks a question or makes a statement that is offensive, unlawful or defamatory in nature, provided that the Presiding Member has taken reasonable steps to assist the member of the public to rephrase the question or statement in a manner that is not offensive, unlawful or defamatory.

# 8. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

# 9. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

# **DRAFT MOTION**

**VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY** 

THAT the Petition lodged with the City of Albany on 14 June 2023 requesting that Council consider:

The creation of a public right-of-way path between the ends of Surrey Street and Lake Seppings Drive (southern part) in Mira Mar.

be RECEIVED.

# **Officer Comment:**

This petition is compliant with the City of Albany Petition Policy and contains 44 signatures.

# 10. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**DRAFT MOTION** 

**VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY** 

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 May 2023, as previously distributed, be CONFIRMED as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

- 11. PRESENTATIONS Nil
- 12. UNRESOLVED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NII

# CCS530: FINANCIAL ACTIVITY STATEMENT - APRIL 2023

Proponent / Owner : City of Albany

Attachments : Financial Activity Statement – April 2023

**Report Prepared By** : Manager Finance (S van Nierop)

**Authorising Officer:** : Executive Director Corporate & Commercial Services

(M Gilfellon)

# STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

- 1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
  - Pillar: Leadership.
  - Outcome: Strong workplace culture and performance

#### IN BRIEF

- Under the Local Government Financial Management Regulations, a local government is to prepare on a monthly basis a statement of financial activity that is presented to Council.
- The City of Albany's Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending 30 April 2023 has been prepared and is attached.
- In addition, the City provides Council with a monthly investment summary to ensure the investment portfolio complies with the City's Investment of Surplus Funds Policy.
- The financial information included within the financial activity statement for the period ended 30 April 2023 is preliminary and has not yet been audited.

#### RECOMMENDATION

CCS530: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

THAT the Financial Activity Statement for the period ending 30 April 2023 be RECEIVED.

CCS530: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: COUNCILLOR SUTTON SECONDED: COUNCILLOR TRAILL

THAT the Authorising Officer Recommendation be ADOPTED.

CARRIED 13-0

CCS530: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Financial Activity Statement for the period ending 30 April 2023 be RECEIVED.

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#### DISCUSSION

- 2. The requirement for local governments to produce a Statement of Financial Activity was gazetted in March 2005 to provide elected members with a greater insight in relation to the ongoing financial performance of the local government.
- 3. In order to fulfil statutory reporting obligations, the Financial Activity Statement prepared provides a snapshot of the City's year to date financial performance. The report provides:
  - (a) Statement of Financial Activity by Nature or Type;
  - (b) Explanation of material variances to year to date budget;
  - (c) Net Current Funding Position;
  - (d) Investment Portfolio Snapshot;
  - (e) Receivables; and
  - (f) Capital Acquisitions.
- 4. Additionally, each year a local government is to adopt a percentage or value to be used in the Statement of Financial Activity for reporting material variances. Under Council item CCS457, Council approved that a variance between actual and budget-to-date of greater than \$100,000 is considered to be a material variance for reporting purposes in the Statement of Financial Activity for 2022/2023.
- 5. The Statement of Financial Activity may be subject to year-end adjustments and has not been audited by the appointed auditor.
- 6. It is noted that rounding errors may occur when whole numbers are used, as they are in the reports that follow. The 'errors' may be \$1 or \$2 when adding sets of numbers. This does not mean that the underlying figures are incorrect."

# STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 7. Section 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 provides:
  - 34(1) A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the revenue and expenditure, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22 (1)(d), for that month in the following detail:
    - (a) annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c); and
    - (b) budget estimates to the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
    - (c) actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
    - (d) material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c); and
    - (e) the net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.
  - 34(2) Each statement of financial activity is to be accompanied by documents containing-
    - (a) an explanation of the composition of the net current assets of the month to which the statement relates, less committed assets and restricted assets; and
    - (b) an explanation of each of the material variances referred to in sub regulation (1)(d); and
    - (c) such other supporting information as is considered relevant by the local government.

34(3) The information in a statement of financial activity may be shown –

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- (a) according to nature and type classification; or
- (b) by program; or
- (c) by business unit.
- 34(4) A statement of financial activity, and the accompanying documents referred to in sub regulation (2), are to be
  - (a) presented at an ordinary meeting of the council within 2 months after the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
  - (b) recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented.
- 34(5) Each financial year, a local government is to adopt a percentage or value, calculated in accordance with the AAS, to be used in statements of financial activity for reporting material variances.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 8. The City's 2022/23 Annual Budget provides a set of parameters that guides the City's financial practices.
- 9. The Investment of Surplus Funds Policy stipulates that the status and performance of the investment portfolio is to be reported monthly to Council.

# **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10. Expenditure for the period ending 30 April 2023 has been incurred in accordance with the 2022/23 proposed budget parameters.
- 11. Details of any budget variation in excess of \$100,000 (year to date) is outlined in the Statement of Financial Activity. There are no other known events, which may result in a material non-recoverable financial loss or financial loss arising from an uninsured event.

# **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

12. Nil.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

13. Nil.

# **ALTERNATE OPTIONS**

14. Nil.

# CONCLUSION

- 15. The Authorising Officer's recommendation be adopted.
- 16. It is requested that any questions regarding this report are submitted to the Executive Director Corporate & Commercial Services by 4pm of the day prior to the scheduled meeting time. All answers to submitted questions will be provided at the Committee meeting. This allows a detailed response to be given to the Committee in a timely manner.

Consulted References	••	Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996
File Number (Name of Ward)		FM.FIR.7 - All Wards

# CCS531: LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - MAY 2023

Business Entity Name : City of Albany

Attachments : List of Accounts for Payment Report Prepared By : Manager Finance (S Van Nierop)

Authorising Officer: : Executive Director Corporate and Commercial Services (M

Gilfellon)

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

- 1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
  - Pillar/Priority: Leadership.
  - Outcome: Strong workplace culture and performance.

#### **IN BRIEF**

 Council has delegated to the Chief Executive Officer the exercise of its power to make payments from the City's municipal and trust funds. In accordance with Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, a list of accounts paid by the Chief Executive Officer is to be provided to Council.

#### RECOMMENDATION

CCS531: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

THAT the list of accounts authorised for payment under delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer for the period ending 15 May 2023 totalling \$7,237,921.10 be RECEIVED.

CCS531: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: COUNCILLOR CRUSE

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GRIMMER

THAT the Authorising Officer Recommendation be ADOPTED.

CARRIED 13-0

# CCS531: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the list of accounts authorised for payment under delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer for the period ending 15 May 2023 totalling \$7,237,921.10 be RECEIVED.

# **DISCUSSION**

2. The table below summarises the payments drawn from the municipal fund for the period ending 15 May 2023. Please refer to the Attachment to this report.

Municipal Fund	
Trust	\$0.00
Credit Cards	\$12,309.13
Payroll	\$1,764,121.03
Cheques	\$287.95
Electronic Funds Transfer	\$5,461,202.99
TOTAL	\$7,237,921.10

3. The table below summarises the total outstanding creditors as at 15 May 2023.

Current	\$87,638.04
30 Days	\$61,552.30
60 Days	\$3,530.03
90 Days	\$19,575.27
TOTAL	<u>\$172,295.64</u>
Cancelled Cheques	Nil

#### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 4. Regulation 12(1)(a) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, provides that payment may only be made from the municipal fund or a trust fund if the Local Government has delegated this function to the Chief Executive Officer or alternatively authorises payment in advance.
- 5. The Chief Executive Officer has delegated authority to make payments from the municipal and trust fund.
- 6. Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* provides that if the function of authorising payments is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, then a list of payments must be presented to Council and recorded in the minutes.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

7. Expenditure for the period to 15 May 2023 has been incurred in accordance with the 2022/2023 budget parameters.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. Expenditure for the period to 15 May 2023 has been incurred in accordance with the 2022/2023 budget parameters.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9. Nil

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

10. Nil

#### **ALTERNATE OPTIONS**

11. Nil

#### CONCLUSION

- 12. That the list of accounts have been authorised for payment under delegated authority.
- 13. It is requested that any questions on specific payments are submitted to the Executive Director Corporate Services by 4pm of the day prior to the scheduled meeting time. All answers to submitted questions will be provided at the Committee meeting. This allows a detailed response to be given to the Committee in a timely manner.

Consulted References	•••	Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996
File Number (Name of Ward)	••	FM.FIR.2 – All Wards

# CCS532: DELEGATED AUTHORITY REPORTS – 16 APRIL 2023 TO 15 MAY 2023

Proponent / Owner : City of Albany

Attachments : Executed Document and Common Seal Report

Report Prepared By : PA to Mayor and Councillors (D Clark)

Authorising Officer: : Chief Executive Officer (A Sharpe)

# STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:

• Pillar: Leadership.

Outcome: A well informed and engaged community.

#### RECOMMENDATION

CCS532: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

THAT the Delegated Authority Reports 16 April 2023 to 15 May 2023 be RECEIVED.

CCS532: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: COUNCILLOR SMITH

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR SHANHUN

THAT the Authorising Officer Recommendation be ADOPTED.

CARRIED 13-0

# CCS532: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Delegated Authority Reports 16 April 2023 to 15 May 2023 be RECEIVED.

# **BACKGROUND**

- 2. In compliance with Section 9.49A of the *Local Government Act 1995* the attached report applies to the use of the Common Seal and the signing of documents under Council's Delegated Authority:
  - Delegation: 006 Sign Documents on Behalf of the City of Albany (Authority to Executive Deeds & Agreements and apply the Common Seal)
  - Delegation: 009 Provide Donations, Sponsorship, Subsidies & Authority to Apply for Grant Funding (Including the provision of sponsorship through the waiver of fees & charges)
  - Delegation: 018 Award Contracts (Supply of Equipment, Goods, Materials & Services)

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# CCS533: RATES SUBSIDY: SPORTING & COMMUNITY ORGANISATION RECIPIENT LIST FOR 2022/23

Business Entity Name : City of Albany

Attachments : Rating Subsidy: Sporting & Community Organisations

Recipient List for 2022/23 financial year.

Report Prepared By : Manager Finance (S van Nierop)

Authorising Officers: : Executive Director Corporate & Commercial Services

(M Gilfellon)

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:

• Pillar: Leadership.

• Outcome: A well informed and engaged community.

#### RECOMMENDATION

CCS533: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

THAT Council RECEIVE the Rating Subsidy: Sporting and Community Organisations Recipient List for 2022/23.

CCS533: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: COUNCILLOR SUTTON SECONDED: COUNCILLOR SMITH

THAT the Authorising Officer Recommendation be ADOPTED.

CARRIED 13-0

# CCS533: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council RECEIVE the Rating Subsidy: Sporting and Community Organisations Recipient List for 2022/23.

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# CCS534: NAMING OF CITY FACILITIES, ROADS, PARKS, RESERVES, BUILDINGS, OTHER ASSETS, AND AWARDS POLICY

Proponent / Owner : City of Albany

**Attachments** : Naming of City Facilities, Roads, Parks, Reserves,

Buildings, and other Assets Policy

**Confidential Briefing Note** 

Report Prepared By : Executive Director Community Services (N Watson)

**Authorising Officer:** : Chief Executive Officer (A Sharpe)

# **CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT**

If discussion is required with regard to the Confidential Briefing Note attached to this report, the meeting may be closed to members of the public in accordance with 5.23(2)(b) the personal affairs of any person.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

- 1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
  - Pillar: Place A responsibly planned city that is attractive, vibrant and well connected
  - Outcome: Local history, heritage and character is valued and preserved

#### In Brief:

• To establish a policy and criteria for Council to recognise and celebrate significant individual contributions to the Albany community in a consistent and equitable way.

#### RECOMMENDATION

CCS534: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION 1 VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

THAT Council ADOPT the Naming of City Facilities, Roads, Parks, Reserves, Buildings, other Assets, and Awards Policy.

CCS534: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION 2 VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

THAT Council APPROVE the naming of the proposed awards in recognition of the persons detailed within the confidential attachment to this report, in line with the adopted policy.

CCS534: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION 1

MOVED: COUNCILLOR BROUGH SECONDED: COUNCILLOR THOMSON

THAT Council ADOPT the Naming of City Facilities, Roads, Parks, Reserves, Buildings, other Assets, and Awards Policy.

CARRIED 13-0

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CCS534: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION 2

MOVED: COUNCILLOR BAESJOU SECONDED: COUNCILLOR SMITH

THAT Council APPROVE the naming of the proposed awards in recognition of the persons detailed within the confidential attachment to this report, in line with the adopted policy.

CARRIED 11-2

#### **Record of Vote**

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**MEETING** 

Against the Motion: Councillors Thomson and Brough

CCS534: RESOLUTION (MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMSON)

MOVED: COUNCILLOR THOMSON SECONDED: COUNCILLOR TRAILL

THAT the two Authorising Officer Recommendations be considered separately.

CARRIED 11-2

#### **Record of Vote**

Against the Motion: Councillors Baesjou and Shanhun

# CCS534: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

#### **THAT Council:**

- 1. ADOPT the Naming of City Facilities, Roads, Parks, Reserves, Buildings, other Assets, and Awards Policy; and
- 2. APPROVES the naming of the proposed awards in recognition of the persons detailed within the confidential attachment to this report, in line with the adopted policy.

# **BACKGROUND**

- 2. There are a number of assets across the City that have been named in honour of current and late community members who have made a significant contribution to Albany.
- 3. Examples are:
  - Alison Hartman Garden (York Street)
  - Carol Pettersen Hall (within Albany Town Hall)
  - o Harry Riggs Albany Regional Airport
- 4. There are also a number of meeting rooms within the City's administration building on North Road that have been named:
  - Margaret Coates Boardroom
  - Annette Knight Room
  - Lange/McKail Room
  - Harry Riggs Room
  - o June Hodgson Room
  - Enid Home Room
  - o Albert Young Hassell Room
  - William Finlay Room
- 5. There have been recent requests to consider bestowing further honorary naming recognition within the City of Albany with several people suggested for formal naming honours.
- 6. In considering ways to respond to these requests, officers identified that the City needed a policy position similar to other Local Governments to guide considerations and decisions on bestowing formal naming honours on community members to avoid having an ad-hoc and inconsistent approach.

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#### **DISCUSSION**

7. The "Naming of City Facilities, Roads, Parks, Reserves, Buildings, and other Assets Policy" will apply to City facilities and other assets or activities that fall under the care and control of the City.

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- 8. The policy statement defines:
  - o The form of recognition that can be bestowed;
  - o Naming request and proposals will be considered on merit;
  - o Naming recognition other than on building and facilities will be preferred;
  - o The process for considering naming recognition.
- 9. Detailed criteria for assessment of recognition is included in the draft policy.
- 10. The policy also requires that any naming initiatives must be in accordance with Landgate's "Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia". These policies and standards would apply to the majority of public spaces, facilities and assets.
- Aboriginal and Dual-Naming must also follow Landgate's Aboriginal and Dual Naming Guidelines. The recent Restoring Menang-Noongar Place Names project is a good example of this.
- 12. Naming or re-naming proposals that require approval through Landgate under the Geographic Names policies and standards generally require community consultation.
- 13. The policy includes the option for Council to consider naming awards and medals in memoriam of a person, and also defines who will be recognised on plaques commemorating the establishment of City facilities, streets and buildings.
- 14. The policy requires a decision of Council to approve any application for naming.
- 15. Memorial plaques and street furniture is administered under the Memorial Plaque & Seat Policy and Guideline as a different set of criteria applies to this process.

# **GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

16. Nil

#### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 17. Landgate has the legislated delegated authority of the Minister for Lands to administer all official naming actions for town sites, districts, localities, roads, parks, reserves and other geographic features in Western Australia.
- 18. The Naming of City Facilities, Roads, Parks, Reserves, Buildings, other Assets, and Awards Policy defines what naming actions must be in accordance with Landgate's Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

19. Nil.

#### **RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION**

 The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City's Enterprise Risk and Opportunity Management Framework.

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An ad-hoc and inconsistent approach to bestowing naming honours on worthy citizens causes embarrassment to the City and families.	essible	Minor	Medium	Implement a policy that provides a consistent framework and clear criteria for the Council to consider requests for naming honours.

# **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

21. Nil

# **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

22. Nil

# **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

23. Nil

# **ALTERNATE OPTIONS**

 Council may choose not to adopt the Naming of City Facilities, Roads, Parks, Reserves, Buildings, other Assets, and Awards Policy, or request amendments to the Policy before adopting.

# **CONCLUSION**

- 25. This policy provides a consistent and equitable framework for Council to consider bestowing naming honours on community members.
- 26. It supports the outcomes and objectives of the Place pillar within the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan 2032 in ensuring the contributions of our community that form part of Albany's history are celebrated, valued and preserved.

Consulted References	:	City of Albany Strategic Community Plan 2032 Landgate Policies and standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia Landgate Aboriginal and Dual Naming Guidelines
File Number (Name of Ward) :		RC.SPV.8 (All Wards)
Previous Reference		Nil

# CCS535: AGE FRIENDLY ALBANY PLAN

**Attachments**: Age-Friendly Albany Plan 2023-2027

Age-Friendly Albany Engagement Report

Report Prepared By : Community Development Coordinator (T Flett), Community

Development Officer (C Jameson)

**Authorising Officer:** : Executive Director Community Services (N Watson)

# STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

- 1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
  - Pillar: People.
  - Outcomes: A diverse and inclusive community.

: A happy, healthy and resilient community.

#### In Brief:

 To adopt the City of Albany Age-Friendly Albany Plan 2023-2027 with an updated framework for the City to become a more inclusive and welcoming environment for older people.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

CCS535: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

THAT Council ADOPT the Age-Friendly Albany Plan 2023-2027.

CCS535: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: COUNCILLOR GRIMMER SECONDED: COUNCILLOR TRAILL

THAT the Authorising Officer Recommendation be ADOPTED.

CARRIED 13-0

CCS535: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council ADOPT the Age-Friendly Albany Plan 2023-2027.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 2. An age-friendly environment enables people of all ages to actively participate in community activities, and be treated with respect, regardless of their age.
- 3. The World Health Organization (WHO) has developed a framework to guide age-friendly planning and is leading the global movement towards age-friendly environments.
- 4. The City adopted this framework in 2016 as a strategy for responding to its ageing population.
- 5. Age-friendly cities are places where older people can stay connected to those who are important to them, and stay healthy and active, even at the oldest ages. Age-friendly cities provide appropriate support to those who can no longer look after themselves.
- 6. Across Western Australia local governments started developing their own age-friendly cities strategies and plans. Presently there are over 80 local governments that have committed to adopt age-friendly approaches.
- 7. The City of Albany adopted its first Age-Friendly Albany Plan in February 2016.
- 8. A number of initiatives were delivered under the plan including the very successful Long Live You program at the Albany Leisure & Aquatic Centre, and very popular digital literacy sessions for seniors at the Albany Public Library.

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#### DISCUSSION

9. The revised Plan gives consideration to the following elements.

# The Importance of Planning for an Ageing Community

- 10. The challenges and opportunities faced by ageing communities are recognised internationally. They include:
  - a. Significant growth in the population aged over 65 years and declining younger age demographics;
  - b. Rapid growth in the proportion of the population aged over 80 years, placing further demand on aged and community services;
  - c. Ageing populations living in rural areas, increasing demand on neighbouring regional towns: and
  - d. An increase in the number of older people supporting adult children, grandchildren and/or elderly parents.
- 11. It is important to acknowledge that, as older people are not a homogenous group, these challenges and opportunities will vary greatly, even within communities. The emerging group of seniors are very different to previous generations; they are living longer, have greater material wealth and their expectations and aspirations have changed.
- 12. Planning for an ageing community needs to recognise and be responsive to this diversity. Building physical and social environments that meet these aspirations has significant policy and planning implications for all levels of government.
- 13. The City of Albany has an ageing population with a higher proportion of its residents aged over 60 years compared with WA, and a lower proportion of people aged 25-49 years. Albany's 65-and-over population has grown significantly from 14.6% in 2001 to 23.4% in 2021. This growth is expected to continue.
- 14. Undertaking age-friendly planning provides guidance to help local governments implement strategies that meet the challenges associated with an ageing population, and ultimately meet the changing needs of older residents.

# The World Health Organization Framework

- 15. The WHO framework to guide age-friendly planning is based on participatory research with 35 cities from all continents across the globe. Focus groups of people aged over 60 years were conducted throughout 2006 and 2007 in which 1,485 people contributed. Further input was sought from 250 carers and 515 service providers. Australian cities which participated in this research were the Cities of Melville and Melbourne.
- 16. The framework identifies eight key domain areas which influence health and quality of life for older people. These are:
  - a. Transportation;
  - b. Housing;
  - c. Social Participation;
  - d. Respect and Social Inclusion;
  - e. Civic Participation and Employment;
  - f. Communication and Information;
  - g. Community Support and Health Services; and
  - h. Outdoor Spaces and Buildings.
- 17. These eight domain areas cover the whole of the City of Albany and as such indicate agefriendly planning must be a whole-of-City response.

# Benefits in Implementing Age-Friendly Planning

- 18. Planning for an ageing population will deliver many benefits across the community. The whole community benefits because the characteristics of age-friendly communities are also characteristics of communities that benefit people with disability, children and youth, and parents of young children.
- 19. Age-friendly communities are places where older people feel welcomed, included and respected by the population at large. They are communities where older people feel they have a contribution to make and can participate in and stay connected to their community.
- 20. Age-friendly planning also benefits Council by creating partnerships across multiple sectors. Additionally, making public facilities more accessible leads to increased use and help the wider community get more value from their public resources.

# Age-Friendly Albany Plan 2023-2027

- 21. Development of the Plan was led by the Community Development team. Staff sought community and stakeholder input. Community members were asked their experiences with particular issues across the eight domain areas above.
- 22. The Community Development Officer analysed the survey data and reviewed the stakeholder submissions.
- 23. The Age-Friendly Albany Plan is a whole-of-City document with the achievement of objectives and actions linked to the annual budget and work plan review cycles. This process of annual review of achievements will ensure the Plan remains a 'living document', enabling regular performance monitoring.

#### **GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

- 24. Community participation in engagement activities for this Plan exceeded the participation levels of the 2016-2020 Plan.
- 25. The following community engagement was undertaken as part of the review of the Plan. Refer to the full engagement report attached to this report for more information.

Type of Engagement	Method of Engagement	Engagement Dates	Participation (Number)	Statutory Consultation
Consult	Workshop	21 April 2022	25	Nil
		3 May 2022	39	
		10 May 2022	13	
		19 May 2022	6	
		25 May 2022	8	
		13 June 2022	18	
Consult	Community Survey	25 April 2022-	300	Nil
		30 June 2022		
Consult	Stakeholder Survey	16 May 2022 – 30 June 2022	17	Nil

#### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

26. Nil.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 27. This Plan contributes to the achievement of the following key Australian and Western Australian government policies, plans, and legislative requirements:
  - Age-Friendly WA State Seniors Strategy 2023-2033
  - Healthy Spaces and Places;
  - Building Code of Australia;
  - Australian Standards;
  - Disability Services Act (1993);
  - Liveable Neighbourhoods;

- 28. Age-Friendly Albany also builds on and informs a number of local City plans, strategies and policies, namely:
  - Access and Inclusion Plan;
  - · Albany Local Planning Strategy;
  - · Community Development Strategy;
  - Public Health Plan;
  - Trails Hub Strategy (2015-2025);
  - Communications & Engagement Strategy; and
  - Asset Management Plan.

# **RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION**

29. The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City's Enterprise Risk and Opportunity Management Framework.

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Community & Reputational: Actions identified within the Age- Friendly Albany Plan raise community expectations.	Possible	Moderate	Medium	The Age-Friendly Albany Plan acknowledges that implementation is subject to external funding, resourcing, and annual budget allocations. Officer will provide Council with an annual progress report.
Operational & Financial Implementation of the Age Friendly Albany places capacity strain on the City's general operations and budget.	Unlikely	Minor	Low	Drafting of the plan included substantial internal consultation to ensure adequate resources would be available for delivery within existing budget allocations, or through external grant programs.
Reputational: Council does not adopt the Age- Friendly Albany Plan leading to community dissatisfaction and damage to relationships with relevant stakeholders.	Unlikely	Moderate	Medium	Officers recommend the Plan for adoption. Should Council choose not to adopt the Plan, a communications plan will be implemented to inform the public and stakeholders of the reasons for Council's decision.
Opportunity: Adoption and delivery of the Age Friendly Albany Plan demonstrates the City's future planning for an aging community.				

# **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 30. The Plan will require linking to the City's Asset Management and Financial Plans for some of the proposed actions to be achieved. Allocation(s) for achieving specific actions will be considered as part of the annual budget allocation and review processes.
- 31. The Plan will also allow the City to apply for funding to undertake the proposed activities should suitable funding opportunities arise.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

32. Nil

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

33. Nil

#### **ALTERNATE OPTIONS**

- 34. Council can choose not to adopt this Plan. This is not recommended as the international, national, and Western Australian trend is towards building communities that are more accessible, inclusive, and liveable for people of all ages.
- 35. Further, as a municipality with a higher than state average proportion of its demographic aged over 60 years, there is an expectation that the City would continue its commitment to becoming an age-friendly city.
- 36. Council can choose to make modifications to the Plan.

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# CONCLUSION

- 37. An age-friendly environment enables people of all ages to actively participate in community activities, and be treated with respect, regardless of their age.
- 38. The WHO Framework for age-friendly cities provides a good model on which the City can base its response to becoming a more welcoming and inclusive community for older adults.
- 39. The Age-Friendly Albany Plan 2023-2027 provides strategic guidance to Council about improving the inclusiveness and accessibility of the municipality over the next four years.

Consulted References	:	World Health Organisation 'Global age-friendly cities: a Guide' Western Australian Government: 'An Age-Friendly WA State Seniors Strategy 2023-2033' LG Professionals: 'Age-friendly Communities Priorities Report' Western Australian Government: 'Creating Age-friendly Communities in Western Australia. 2021'			
File Number (Name of Ward)	:	: CS.PLA.25 Age Friendly (All Wards)			
Previous Reference	:	: OCM Item CS026 (23 February 2016)			

# CCS536: SUNDRY DEBTOR WRITE OFF

Business Entity Name : City of Albany

Report Prepared By : Manager Finance (S van Nierop)

Authorising Officer: : Executive Director Corporate & Commercial Services

(M Gilfellon)

# **CONFIDENTIAL REPORT**

This report is confidential in accordance with section 5.23(2)(c) and (e, iii) of the Local Government Act 1995, being: (e) a matter that if disclosed, would reveal - (iii) information about the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person.

# STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

- 1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
  - Pillar: Leadership.
  - Outcome: Strong workplace culture and performance.

#### In Brief:

- Periodically, City officers review the aged debtors list and recommend writing off debts with little or no chance of recovery.
- City officers have reviewed overdue debts and taken action to recover amounts owing.
- The debt listed in the confidential version of this report is unable to be recovered.

#### RECOMMENDATION

CCS536: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION VOTING REQUIREMENT: ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

THAT Council APPROVE the write-off of the detailed sundry debt under section 6.12(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 as recommended in the confidential version of this report.

CCS536: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: COUNCILLOR SUTTON SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROUGH

THAT the Authorising Officer Recommendation be ADOPTED.

CARRIED 13-0

# CCS536: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council APPROVE the write-off of the detailed sundry debt under section 6.12(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 as recommended in the confidential version of this report.

# AR137: RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD 07 MARCH 2023

Proponent / Owner : City of Albany

Attachments : Confirmed Minutes of Audit and Risk Committee Meeting

held 07 March 2023 - CONFIDENTIAL

Report Prepared By : Senior Team Leader (J Williamson)
Authorising Officer: : Chief Executive Officer (A Sharpe)

### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:

• Pillar: Leadership.

Outcome: Provide strong, accountable leadership.

#### RECOMMENDATION

AR137: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

THAT the confirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 07 March 2023 be RECEIVED.

# **BACKGROUND**

- 2. The Audit and Risk Committee meeting is not open to the public and as such the minutes are not required to be published on the City's website, in accordance with section 13 (1) (a) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.
- 3. Report items requiring a decision of Council will be presented to an Ordinary Meeting of Council for consideration.

Consulted References	:	Local Government Act 1995 Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996
File Number (Name of Ward)	:	FM.MEE.3
Previous Reference		OCM 23/08/2022 Resolution AR123 OCM 28/03/2023 Resolution AR133

# DIS352: DEDICATION OF PORTION RESERVE 30599 FOR ALBANY RING ROAD

**Land Description** : Lot 127 Reserve 30599 managed by the City of Albany

Proponent / Owner : Main Roads WA

Attachments : Main Roads WA Drawings 2160-089

Report Prepared By : Lands Officer (A. Veld)

**Authorising Officer:** : Executive Director Development Infrastructure and

Environment (P. Camins)

# STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:

• Pillar: Place

• Outcome: A safe, sustainable and efficient transport network.

# Maps and Diagrams:



# In Brief:

 Council is requested to consider dedicating a portion of City of Albany managed Crown Reserve 30599 as public road to enable construction of a section of the Albany Ring Road project.

# RECOMMENDATION

DIS352: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

# **THAT Council:**

- 1. SEEKS the approval of the Minister for Lands pursuant to section 56 of the *Land Administration Act* 1997, to dedicate the land subject of Main Roads Land Dealing Plan 2160-089 as a public road.
- 2. INDEMNIFIES the Minister for Lands from any claims for compensation, as is required under section 56 of the Land Administration Act 1997.
- 3. AUTHORISES Main Roads to deliver this request to the Minister for Lands.

**DIS352: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION** 

MOVED: COUNCILLOR BENSON-LIDHOLM

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR SMITH

THAT the Authorising Officer Recommendation be ADOPTED.

CARRIED 13-0

# DIS352: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

# THAT Council:

- 1. SEEKS the approval of the Minister for Lands pursuant to section 56 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*, to dedicate the land subject of Main Roads Land Dealing Plan 2160-089 as a public road.
- 2. INDEMNIFIES the Minister for Lands from any claims for compensation, as is required under section 56 of the Land Administration Act 1997.
- 3. AUTHORISES Main Roads to deliver this request to the Minister for Lands.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 2. Main Roads WA have identified that a 4.9ha portion of Crown Reserve R 30599 (adjoining Lower Denmark Road at the intersection with Roundhay Street) is required to be dedicated as road reserve for the Albany Ring Road.
- 3. The entirety of R 30599 is currently vested with City of Albany via Management Order for the purpose of Council Depot and General Industrial Activities. The land is zoned General Industry in accordance with City of Albany Local Planning Scheme No. 1.
- 4. Main Roads have already commenced preliminary works associated with the Albany Ring Road on the land in question.

# **DISCUSSION**

- 5. Main Roads are seeking Council's support to undertake the proposed land actions.
- 6. The subject portion of R 30599 to be dedicated as public road is currently vacant, with some remnant vegetation of low quality identified in the northern section.
- 7. City staff have reviewed the request from Main Roads. The dedication of the 4.9ha portion of R 30599 as a public road for the Albany Ring Road will not conflict with existing tenure arrangements over other portions of R 30599, nor the existing purpose, vesting, or zoning of the land.
- 8. Council is asked to support the request from Main Roads to dedicate the subject portion of R 30599 for the construction of a public road as part of the Albany Ring Road project.

# **GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

9. There was no requirement to undertake any government or public consultation for this matter.

# STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 10. The Land Administration Act 1997 and Land Administration Regulations 1998 provides the legislative process for how land may be dedicated as a road reserve.
- 11. Section 56 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* gives authority to the local government to request the Minister to dedicate land as a road.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

12. There are no policy implications relating to this item.

# **RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION**

13. The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City's Enterprise Risk and Opportunity Management Framework.

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation	
Business Operation, Reputation &	Almost	High	Extreme	Council resolves to dedicate portions	
Financial Risk: There is a risk that by not resolving to dedicate portions of Reserve 28465 & 30599, the Albany Ring Road project will be significantly impacted.	Certain			of Reserve 28465 & 30599 as public roads.	
Opportunity: To support Main Roads WA in delivering a significant State Government project.					

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

14. All costs for the land acquisition are the responsibility of Main Roads WA.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

15. There are no legal implications relating to this item.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

16. There are no environmental considerations relating to this item.

#### **ALTERNATE OPTIONS**

17. Council could request Main Roads WA to redesign the proposed Ring Road. It is unlikely that a redesign will result in a more efficient layout with lesser land requirement.

# **CONCLUSION**

- 18. In order for the Albany Ring Road project to progress, land is required to be taken from a portion of R 30599 and dedicated as a public road reserve.
- 19. Acquisition and dedication of this land as public road is not in conflict with the current and future use of this land.
- 20. Staff therefore recommend Council support MRWA's request for the City to dedicate a 4.9 ha portion of R 30599 as a public road.

Consulted References	:	Land Administration Act 1997 Land Administration Regulations 1998
File Number (Name of Ward)	:	RD.ACQ.1 (Vancouver)
Previous Reference	:	N/A

# DIS353: PROPOSED CLOSURE OF PORTION OF LAKE POWELL ROAD, ELLEKER

**Land Description** Portion of Lake Powell Road, Elleker **Proponent / Owner** Road reserve: City of Albany managed

Lot 3140: A. Roth Lot 11: C & E McGarva

**Attachments** : Lake Powell Road map

Supplementary Information &

Lake Powell Road feature survey 2013

**Councillor Workstation** 

: Lands Officer (A Veld)

**Report Prepared By** 

**Authorising Officer:** Executive Director Infrastructure Development &

**Environment (P Camins)** 

# STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:

Pillar: Place.

**Outcome**: A safe, sustainable and efficient transport network.

# Maps and Diagrams:



# In Brief:

- Two landowners adjoining Lake Powell Road have applied to the City of Albany to close a portion of the Lake Powell Road reserve, for inclusion into their properties.
- · Council's resolution is required to formally close the portion of road reserve, in accordance with the relevant legislation.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

DIS353: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

THAT Council RESOLVE to permanently close portion of Lake Powell Road pursuant to section 58 of the Land Administration Act 1997 on condition that this land is amalgamated with adjoining Lot 3140 and Lot 11, subject to final survey.

DIS353: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: COUNCILLOR BROUGH SECONDED: COUNCILLOR TRAILL

THAT the Authorising Officer Recommendation be ADOPTED.

CARRIED 13-0

#### DIS353: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council RESOLVE to permanently close portion of Lake Powell Road pursuant to section 58 of the Land Administration Act 1997 on condition that this land is amalgamated with adjoining Lot 3140 and Lot 11, subject to final survey.

# **BACKGROUND**

- Lake Powell Road services two properties, No. 23 (Lot 3140) Lake Powell Road and No. 31 (Lot 3) Lake Powell Road.
- 3. It is approximately 400m long with a tapering gravel pavement 9m wide at the intersection with Elleker-Grasmere Road reducing to a sand track 3m wide at its western extent, where it ends at Reserve 25849.
- 4. The City received a request in 2012 from the landowner of No. 23 (Lot 3140) Lake Powell Road to purchase a portion of the Lake Powell Road reserve adjoining their property.
- 5. The landowners of No. 459 (Lot 11) Elleker-Grasmere Road subsequently submitted a request in January 2023. Both landowners have indicated they are prepared to pay all costs associated with the road closure and amalgamation process.
- 6. Initial officer investigations in 2012 revealed an anomaly that the road had wholly been constructed within the adjoining Lake Powell Nature Reserve (Reserve No. 25809) which is designated as an A-Class reserve and managed by Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).
- 7. The constructed road encroachment anomaly needed to be addressed before the City could continue its investigations into the requested closure of the portion of road reserve. The process undertaken to address the anomaly is summarised as follows:
  - In 2013 the City advised DBCA of the encroachment anomaly of the constructed road.
     DBCA agreed to include the encroachment anomaly into a project they were implementing at that time to address encroachments from adjoining private properties into the A-Class reserve.
  - This proposal was presented by DBCA to the Lands division of the Department of Planning Lands & Heritage (DPLH) in 2015. Following consultations between the two agencies, DPLH began planning in 2019 to present recommended land administration actions to the A-Class reserve to State Parliament.
  - In December 2021 DPLH commenced due diligence investigations into the current tenure arrangements around Lake Powell Nature Reserve.
  - DPLH subsequently advised the City in August 2022 that the encroachment anomaly had been addressed as part of these investigations, with a boundary adjustment undertaken at the time that resulted in the constructed road being located within the road reserve.

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- 8. Following the constructed road encroachment anomaly being addressed as outlined above, the City progressed in finalising its investigations into the proposed closure for a portion of Lake Powell Road.
- 9. The outcomes and recommendations of the City's investigations are discussed in detail below.

#### DISCUSSION

- 10. The road reserve in its current form is 40m wide, most of which is undeveloped. The City's standard width for a local rural road reserve is 20m.
- 11. A site investigation by City Reserves team in 2015 found that the road reserve consists of:
  - Quality remnant native vegetation to the north of the constructed road, where it adjoins Lake Powell Nature Reserve;
  - Grassed area maintained by the owners of Lot 3140 directly in front of their lot on the southern side of the constructed road; and
  - Predominantly overgrown with weeds with some poor-quality native vegetation for the remaining areas.
- 12. The City undertook the required public consultation of proposed road closure land actions in March and April 2023, with no objections received during advertising.
- 13. The proposed closure of a portion of the Lake Powell Road reserve aims to resolve legacy issues in relation to ambiguity of boundaries between the various land tenures, exacerbated by the current width of the road reserve, that is not in accordance with the City's standards for local rural roads.
- 14. The City's consideration of the request found that there was no benefit to the local government or broader community in retaining the subject portion of road reserve.
- 15. Following the above, it is therefore recommended Council resolve to formalise the proposed road closure.

#### **GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

- 16. Pursuant to section 58 of the Land Administration Act 1997 and regulation 9 of the Land Administration Regulations 1998, the City publicly advertised the proposal.
- 17. The proposal was advertised for 36 days, between 23 March and 28 April 2023, with no submissions from the public received.
- 18. Two responses were received from Telstra and Main Roads with no objections to the proposal.
- 19. Community Engagement

Type of	Method of Engagement	Engagement Dates	Participation	Statutory
Engagement			(Number)	Consultation
Consult	Letters and emails to service providers	22 March – 28 April 2023	9	yes
Consult	Public notice in local newspaper	22 March – 28 April 2023		yes
Consult	Notice on Public Comments page City of Albany website	22 March – 28 April 2023		yes

# STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 20. Lake Powell Nature Reserve is designated as an A-Class reserve and administered in accordance with the Land Administration Act 1997.
- 21. Reducing the area of an A-Class reserve is only allowed under a limited number of circumstances pursuant to the legislation under Part 4 the Act.
- 22. Land actions relating to A-Class reserves are administered by the relevant management agency of the reserve. The land actions and tenure arrangements in relation to the adjoining A-Class Lake Powell Nature Reserve are being progressed by DBCA and DPLH Lands division accordingly.
- 23. Section 58 of the Land Administration Act 1997 gives authority to a local government to request the Minister for Lands to close a road.
- 24. Regulation 9 of the Land Administration Regulations 1998 outlines the actions a local government must take to prepare and deliver a request to the Minister to close a road.

# **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

25. There are no policy implications in relation to this proposal.

#### **RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION**

26. No risks have been identified related to this report.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

27. All costs associated with this proposal are the responsibility of the landowners.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

28. There are no legal implications in relation to this item.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

29. There are no environmental considerations in relation to this item.

# **ALTERNATE OPTIONS**

- 30. Council can either choose to:
  - a) Refuse the proposed road closure or;
  - b) Support the proposed road closure with modifications.

#### CONCLUSION

- 31. Staff have investigated the proposal and undertaken the required actions to close a portion of the road, pursuant to the relevant legislation. The proposed closure is supported, based on the reasons outlined above.
- 32. Council's resolution is therefore sought to formalise the road closure of a portion of Lake Powell Road reserve.

Consulted References	:	Land Administration Act 1997 Land Administration Regulations 1998
File Number (Name of Ward)	:	RD.RDC.2 (West)
Previous Reference	:	none

# DIS354: RESERVE 31700 AND CITY OF ALBANY PORTIONS OF LOT 741 & 744 DISPOSAL FOR DEDICATION AS A PUBLIC ROAD

Land Description : Reserve 31700 Management Order to City of Albany

Lot 741 & Lot 744 freehold ownership to City of Albany

Proponent / Owner : City of Albany

Attachments : R31700 Map, Lot 741 Map & Lot 744 Map

Report Prepared By : Lands Officer (A Veld)

Authorising Officer: : Executive Director Infrastructure Development &

Environment (P Camins)

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:

• Pillar: Place.

• Outcome: A safe, sustainable and efficient transport network.

# Maps and Diagrams:



### In Brief:

- Council is requested to consider the disposal of City Managed Reserve 31700 and various portions of City owned land adjoining the intersection of Sanford and North Roads, for dedication as road reserves.
- The land actions will allow for implementation of proposed upgrades to the intersection of North and Sanford Roads and future connection with Range Road.

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# **RECOMMENDATION**

DIS354: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

#### **THAT Council:**

- 1. RESOLVE to dispose of the following portions of City of Albany owned land for dedication as road reserve, subject to final survey:
  - Portion Lot 741 (534 m<sup>2</sup>)
  - Portion Lot 744 (134m²)
- 2. REQUESTS the Minister for Lands revoke the City of Albany's Management Order over Reserve 31700, pursuant to section 50 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*.
- 3. REQUESTS the Minister for Lands to cancel the vesting of Reserve 31700, pursuant to section 51 of the *Land Administration Act* 1997.
- 4. SEEKS the approval of the Minister for Lands to dedicate the following land as road reserve, pursuant to section 56 of the *Land Administration Act 1997:* 
  - Lot 813 on Deposited Plan 27567 (385m2)
  - Lot 1278 on Deposited Plan 27567 (324m²)
- 5. INDEMNIFIES the Minister for Lands from any claims for compensation, as is required under section 56 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*.

**DIS354: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION** 

MOVED: COUNCILLOR SUTTON SECONDED: COUNCILLOR TRAILL

THAT the Authorising Officer Recommendation be ADOPTED.

CARRIED 13-0

# DIS354: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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- 5. INDEMNIFIES the Minister for Lands from any claims for compensation, as is required under section 56 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*.

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#### **BACKGROUND**

- 2. The City of Albany has been progressing the realignment of Range Road in accordance with the Albany Local Planning Strategy and the Yakamia Structure Plan.
- 3. The realignment design is expected to be finalised shortly, with construction works to upgrade the intersection of North and Sanford Roads and incorporate the future connection with Range Road commencing in 2023/24.

#### DISCUSSION

# Reserve 31700

- 4. Reserve 31700, being Lots 813 and 1278 on Deposited Plan 27567, needs to be resumed for dedication as a public road, to facilitate the proposed intersection upgrades.
- 5. R 31700 is vested with the City via Management Order for the purpose of Recreation, and zoned Parks and Recreation in accordance with the City of Albany Local Planning Scheme No. 1.
- 6. R 31700 is currently being used primarily for informal parking for the adjoining athletics ground and playing fields, it also incorporates footpath and other service and utility infrastructure.
- 7. The City intends to have Reserve 31700 divested and dedicated as a public road.

# City owned Lots 741 & 744

- 8. The City also requires portions of adjoining freehold land owned by the City of Albany to be excised and dedicated as road reserve.
- 9. A 534m² portion of Lot 741 proposed for road dedication is currently being used as a carpark for the athletics ground on North Road.
- 10. A 134m<sup>2</sup> portion of Lot 744 proposed for road dedication is currently a grassed area adjoining the Yakamia Creek drainage Reserve 34381.
- 11. As this land is owned by the City of Albany, Council is being asked to support the disposal of this land.

# **GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

- 12. There was no requirement to undertake any government or public consultation for this matter.
- 13. The Department of Planning, Lands & Heritage have provided preliminary support for the proposal, subject to the City of Albany complying with the relevant legislation in relation to this matter.

#### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 14. Section 50 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* states that a management body can agree with the Minister for Lands to have its management order revoked.
- 15. Section 51 *Land Administration Act 1997* states the Minister for Lands may by order cancel a reserve.
- 16. Section 56 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* states that a local government can resolve to reserve land for use by the public as a road, under the care, control and management of the local government.

# **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

17. There are no policy implications related to this report.

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# **RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION**

18. The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City's Enterprise Risk and Opportunity Management Framework.

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Business Operation, Reputation & Financial Risk: There is a risk that by not seeking to dedicate Reserve 31700 and portions of Lot 741 & Lot 744 as a public road, the required upgrades to the intersection will not be implemented.	Likely	Moderate	High	Resolve to revoke the City's management order over the Reserve and have Lots 813, 1278 and portions of 741 and 744 dedicated as public road.
Clubs and users of the locality may be disrupted by proposed works that this item relates to	Likely	Minor	Medium	Consultation to occur prior to works commencing.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

19. Any costs associated with the road dedication have been allocated from the City of Albany's Road Network Capital Works budget.

# **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

20. There are no legal implications.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

21. There are no environmental considerations.

# **ALTERNATE OPTIONS**

- 22. Council can either;
  - a) Refuse this request; or
  - b) Support this request with modifications.

# **CONCLUSION**

23. Council is requested to support the recommended land actions to support the implementation of the Range Road project.

Consulted References	:	Land Administration Act 1997 Land Administration Regulations 1998 Planning & Development Act 2005
File Number (Name of Ward)	:	RD.ACQ.1 (Frederickstown)
Previous Reference	:	None

# **DIS355: DRAFT LOCAL PLANNING POLICY 2.1 NON-RESIDENTIAL** DEVELOPMENT IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE

**Land Description** : City of Albany **Proponent / Owner** : City of Albany **Business Entity Name** : City of Albany

: Draft LPP 2.1 Non-Residential Development in the **Attachments** 

Residential Zone.

**Councillor Workstation** 

Supplementary Information & : DIS332 Agenda and Minutes OCM - February 2023

State Planning Policy 7.3 – Residential Design Codes

Volume 1 (July 2021)

State Planning Policy 7.3 – Residential Design Codes

Volume 2 (May 2019)

WAPC Designing Out Crime Guidelines (June 2006)

Elected Member Briefing Note (October 2022)

: Planning Officer (D Ashboth) **Report Prepared By** 

**Authorising Officer:** : Executive Director Infrastructure, Development &

Environment (P Camins)

# STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Council is required to exercise its quasi-judicial function in this matter. 1.

- 2. When considering the proposed amendment, Council is obliged to draw conclusion from its adopted Albany Local Planning Strategy 2019 (the Planning Strategy) and Strategic Community Plan - Albany 2032.
- 3. Relevant elements, objectives and strategic directions of these documents relevant to this item are outlined under the Strategic Implications section of the previous report item DIS332, presented to Council in February 2023.

#### In Brief:

- Draft Local Planning Policy 2.1: Non-Residential Development in the Residential Zone (LPP2.1) was advertised for public comment in March and April 2023, following Council's endorsement to advertise at its meeting in February.
- No submissions were received on draft LPP2.1 during the advertising period.
- Staff recommend Council resolve to adopt final draft LPP2.1, without modification (refer Attachment 1).

#### RECOMMENDATION

**DIS355: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY** 

# **THAT Council:**

- 1. ADOPT Local Planning Policy 2.1: Non-Residential Development in the Residential Zone, pursuant to Schedule 2, clause 3 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.
- 2. NOTE the existing local planning policy Consulting Rooms, Public Worship & Child Care Centres will be superseded upon adoption of LPP2.1, and subsequently revoked via a notice issued in accordance with clause 87 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.

DIS355: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: COUNCILLOR SMITH

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BENSON-LIDHOLM

THAT the Authorising Officer Recommendation be ADOPTED.

CARRIED 13-0

#### DIS355: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

### THAT Council:

- 1. ADOPT Local Planning Policy 2.1: Non-Residential Development in the Residential Zone, pursuant to Schedule 2, clause 3 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.*
- 2. NOTE the existing local planning policy *Consulting Rooms, Public Worship & Child Care Centres* will be superseded upon adoption of LPP2.1, and subsequently revoked via a notice issued in accordance with clause 87 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.*

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 4. Draft LPP 2.1 was endorsed for advertising by Council at its February 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.
- 5. The draft policy was prepared to provide development standards for non-residential development in the Residential Zone, given these uses are not addressed by *State Planning Policy 7.3 Residential Design Codes*.
- 6. Draft LPP 2.1 is proposed to replace the existing *Consulting Rooms, Public Worship & Child Care Centres* local planning policy (LPP).
- 7. Refer to previous report item DIS332 for further information and background on the draft policy.

## **DISCUSSION**

- 8. Draft LPP 2.1 was advertised for public comment in March and April 2023. No submissions received during advertising.
- 9. No changes are proposed to the draft policy following close of advertising.
- 10. It is recommended that Council adopt Local Planning Policy 2.1: Non-Residential Development in the Residential Zone.

### **GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

- 11. The draft policy was advertised in accordance with Schedule 2, clause 4 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* (Planning Regulations), for a period of 22 days.
- 12. Details of advertising as follows:

Type of Engagement	Method of Engagement	Engagement Dates	Participation (Number)	Statutory Consultation
Consult	Notice in Local Paper	21/03/2023	No submissions	Yes
Consult	Public comment – City website	21/03/2023 to 11/04/2023	received	Yes

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#### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 13. Voting requirement for this item is **Simple Majority**.
- 14. A periodic review of the City's suite of LPPs is underway.
- 15. Consideration of draft new LPPs and proposed modifications to existing LPPs require resolution of Council for endorsement to advertise and final adoption following advertising, subject to modifications, in accordance with the Planning Regulations.
- 16. Should Council resolve to adopt LPP2.1, a notice of the policy must be published in accordance with clause 87 of the Planning Regulations.
- 17. It is noted that the policy currently references current Local Planning Scheme No. 1.
- 18. Should Council resolve to adopt LPP2.1, it will form part of the City's current LPPs that are proposed to be retained following gazettal of Local Planning Scheme No. 2, following referral to Council in due course for amendment and adoption, aligning with the new planning scheme.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 19. Adoption of proposed LPP2.1 will add an additional LPP to the City of Albany Local Planning Policy Manual.
- 20. An LPP may be revoked by:
  - a) A subsequent LPP adopted in accordance with the Planning Regulations, that expressly revokes the local planning policy; or
  - b) A notice of revocation prepared and published by the local government, in accordance with the Planning Regulations.
- 21. Draft LPP2.1 aims to update relevant provisions from the existing *Consulting Rooms, Public Worship and Child Care Centres* LPP, with the existing policy to be revoked following formal adoption of LPP2.1.

### **RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION**

22. The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City's Enterprise Risk and Opportunity Management Framework.

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk	Mitigation			
			Analysis				
Reputation Risk	Possible	Minor	Low	Policy includes clear guidelines and			
Policy position may result in				clarifies the desired outcomes.			
development applications for non-							
residential development in the							
Residential Zone being more difficult							
and/or time consuming to							
prepare/approve.							
Opportunity: Ensure non-residential development in the residential zone is compatible with adjoining residences and does not detract							

**Opportunity:** Ensure non-residential development in the residential zone is compatible with adjoining residences and does not detract from residential amenity.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

23. There are no financial implications beyond what will be used for notice of adoption and revocation.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

24. There are no legal implications relating to adopting LPP2.1.

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

25. There are no environmental implications relating to adopting LPP2.1.

### **ALTERNATE OPTIONS**

- 26. Council has the following alternate options in relation to this item, which are:
  - To resolve to adopt the policy without modification;
  - To resolve to adopt the policy subject to modification; and
  - To resolve not to adopt the policy.

### CONCLUSION

- 27. Based on the discussion above, staff recommend Council resolve to adopt *LPP2.1:* Non-Residential Development in the Residential Zone, without modification.
- 28. Upon formal adoption of LPP2.1, a notice will be published in a local newspaper and on the City of Albany website advising of the adoption of LPP2.1, in accordance with clause 87 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations* 2015.

		1. Local Planning Scheme 1
		2. Draft Local Planning Scheme 2
		3. Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015
Consulted References	:	4. State Planning Policy 7.3 – Residential Design Codes
		Volume 1 5. State Planning Policy 7.3 – Residential Design Codes Volume 2
		6. WAPC Designing Out Crime Guidelines
File Number (Name of Ward)	:	All
Previous Reference	:	OCM 28/02/2023 - DIS332

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# DIS356: C23008 - PANEL OF SUPPLIERS - CIVIL AND RESERVES PRODUCTS

Proponent / Owner : City of Albany

Attachments : Confidential Attachment Under Separate Cover
Report Prepared By : Operations Administration Coordinator (T Rogister)
Authorising Officer: : Executive Director Infrastructure, Development &

**Environment (P Camins)** 

## CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

It is recommended that if discussion is required in regards to details contained within the Confidential Attachment, that the matters are discussed behind closed doors, in accordance with section 5.23(2)(c) & (e)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1995, being: a contract which may be entered into and information that has commercial value.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

- 1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
  - Pillar: Place
  - Outcome: A safe, sustainable and efficient transport network.

#### In Brief:

- Tender to appoint preferred contractors to supply civil and reserves products to the City of Albany.
- The contract shall be for an initial period from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024, with a mutually agreed and price negotiated option for a renewal for one (1) year, then an option to extend for a further one (1) year, then a final option to extend for another one (1) year.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

DIS356: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

THAT Council ACCEPT the tendered rates for Contract C23008 - Panel of Suppliers – Civil and Reserves Products by the tenderers recommended by the evaluation panel, as detailed in the Confidential Briefing Note attached to this report.

**DIS356: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION** 

MOVED: COUNCILLOR SUTTON SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROUGH

THAT the Authorising Officer Recommendation be ADOPTED.

CARRIED 12-0

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### DIS356: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council ACCEPT the tendered rates for Contract C23008 - Panel of Suppliers – Civil and Reserves Products by the tenderers recommended by the evaluation panel, as detailed in the Confidential Briefing Note attached to this report.

### **BACKGROUND**

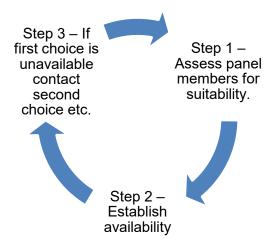
- 2. The City of Albany ("the City") is seeking to establish a "Panel of Suppliers" for the supply of civil and reserves products primarily delivered to the City of Albany Works Depot at 61 Mercer Road, Hanrahan Road Waste Management Facility, Bakers Junction Waste Management Facility and the Centennial Precinct.
- 3. There is provision for supply and delivery to other City locations, as well as other locations to be negotiated with the supplier at time of delivery.
- 4. The City also reserves the right to collect products from the supplier's yard, particularly for smaller quantities that won't be stored at the Depot.
- 5. The contract additionally includes a schedule for gravel crushing at the City's various pits/quarries. Gravel from these sites is to remain at the pit/quarry where it is crushed with transport arranged by the City of Albany.
- 6. This Panel shall be Council's preferred suppliers and requests for supply of products shall be directed to members of this Panel before all others.
- 7. It is expected that the City will require irregular quantities and deliveries of the following products:

	Description	Possible annual quantities – cubic metres
	CIVIL PRODUCTS	
1.	5mm Aggregate	300
2.	7mm Aggregate	120
3.	10mm Aggregate	200
4.	14mm Aggregate	70
5.	Road Base	100
6.	Metal Dust	450
7.	Gravel 37.5mm minus	5,000
8.	Gravel 75mm minus	7,500
9.	Compaction/Bedding Sand	1,100
10.	Coarse Sand	400
11.	General Fill	1,100
12.	Rock Spall (200mm)	500
13.	Clay	1,000
14.	Clean Crushed Concrete	1,000
15.	Mixed Crushed Concrete	1,000

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	Description	Possible annual quantities – cubic metres					
16.	Yellow Brickies Sand	50					
17.	20mm Aggregate	30					
18.	Premix Concrete	30					
19.	Natural Granite Boulder 0.5t to 2t	40					
20.	Natural Granite Boulder 2t to 5t	40					
21.	Natural Granite Boulder 5t to 10t	40					
	TURF REHABILITATION PRODUCT	S					
22.	Screened Lime Sand	1,100					
23.	Screened Turf Sand	2,000					
24.	Unscreened Turf Sand	1,000					
	VERGE AND GARDEN PRODUCTS						
25.	Screened Top Soil	1,000					
26.	Lime Rubble (Garden)	200					
27.	Blue Gum Woodchips	100					
28.	Pine Woodchips	10					
29.	Red River Gum Woodchips	20					
30.	Mixed Species Woodchips	120					
31.	Jarrah Woodchips	10					
32.	Native Bedding Mix	5					
33.	Sheep Manure	5					
34.	10mm Pea Gravel	10					
35.	20mm Quartz	10					

8. Products will be selected from the Contractor identified from the panel who will likely be able to offer the product for the required works and the Contractor will be engaged by the following methodology:



- In addition to the process map highlighted above, panel members will be engaged after consideration has been given to job requirement, ability to meet the timeframe for the particular works, and best value for money for the City.
- The City requires flexibility in this panel to negotiate and evaluate requirements by individual works. The City acknowledges that all Contractors will not necessarily be able to supply all products.

#### DISCUSSION

- 11. A total of seventeen (17) tender documents were issued.
- 12. Tenderers were asked to provide rates for the various products at a cubic metre rate of supply only, supply and delivery to each of the Mercer Road Depot, Hanrahan Rd Waste Facility and Bakers Junction Waste Facility. A delivery per kilometre rate to other locations was also requested.
- 13. Should there be a requirement for products not on the preferred supplier listing, then the normal procedure for quoting of these products will apply.
- 14. The tender documents included tender evaluation criteria using the weighted attribute method. This method scores the evaluation criteria and weights their importance to determine an overall point score for each tender. The criteria are tabled below:

Criteria	% Weight
Cost	35
Relevant Experience	20
Key Personnel Skills and Experience	15
Tenderer's Resources	25
Corporate Social Responsibility	5
Total	100

15. Eight (8) completed tender documents were submitted on or before the stipulated closing date and time. As per Regulations, the tender documents stated that the City's intention was to appoint up to eight (8) Contractors to the Panel of Suppliers however only five (5) Contractors have been recommended to be appointed to the Panel of Suppliers.

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16. The following table summarises the recommended tenderers and overall evaluation scores. The cost scoring was evaluated based on the delivered rates to Mercer Road Depot. The rates for supply have not been included in the table as these are "commercial in confidence" and will not be made publicly available.

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer A	802.50
Tenderer B	652.79
Tenderer C	600.87
Tenderer D	512.79
Tenderer E	501.35

## **GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

17. A request for tenders was published in the West Australian on Wednesday 19 April 2023 and the Albany Extra on 21 April 2023.

#### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 18. Regulation 11 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 (Regulations) requires Council to publicly tender if the Contract is, or is expected to be, more, or worth more, than \$250,000.00.
- 19. Regulation 18 of the Regulations outline a number of requirements relating to choice of tender. Council is to decide which of the acceptable tenders is the most advantageous to Council. It may also decline to accept any tender.
- 20. Regulation 19 of the Regulations requires Council to advise each tenderer in writing the result of Council's decision.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

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- 21. The City of Albany Tender Policy and Regional Price Preference Policy are applicable to this item.
- 22. The value of this tender is expected to be in excess of \$500,000.00 and therefore Council approval is required as this exceeds CEO's delegation.

### **RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION**

23. The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City's Enterprise Risk and Opportunity Management Framework.

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation		
Organisation's Operations. Council does not award this Contract delays in achieving the capital works and maintenance programme may result.	Unlikely	Major	High	This Contract is awarded so products can be purchased.		
Reputation & Financial.  Not awarding a panel arrangement and appointing a single Contractor.	Unlikely	Major	High	No single Contractor would be able to supply the varied products list. This Contract is awarded to the recommended Contractors giving the City flexibility to deliver capital works and maintenance programmes.		
Legal & Compliance. Non-compliance with Contract or business failure	Unlikely	Moderate	Medium	General conditions of contract allow for contract termination on the basis of failure to supply goods and services.		
<b>Reputation.</b> The communities expectation of completion of capital works or maintenance programmes.	Possible	Insignificant	Low	Community are advised of any work delays.		
Opportunity: To support and work collaboratively on projects with our local community to provide best possible outcomes for project						

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## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 24. The estimated value of this tender is in excess of \$500,000.00 and therefore the approval is referred to Council for consideration.
- 25. Tenderers were required to provide a schedule of rates for the products. The supply of products is budgeted for in the capital works and maintenance budgets. The tendered prices are within those allocations.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

26. Nil

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

27. Nil

### **ALTERNATE OPTIONS**

28. Council can accept or reject the tenders as submitted.

## **CONCLUSION**

29. The City has undergone a competitive process in line with the relevant legislation and established policies.

		Local	Governme	nt (Fi	unctions	and	General)
		Regulations 1996					
Consulted References	:	Council Policy – Purchasing (Tenders & Quotes)					
		Council	Policy -	Buy	Local	(Region	al Price
		Preferen	ice)				
File Number (Name of Ward)	:	C23008		•			
Previous Reference	:	C20003					

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# DIS357: C23009 – PANEL OF SUPPLIERS – CIVIL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Proponent / Owner : City of Albany

Attachments : Confidential Attachment Under Separate Cover

Report Prepared By : Operations Administration Coordinator (T Rogister)

Authorising Officer: : Executive Director Infrastructure, Development &

Environment (P Camins)

## **CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT**

It is recommended that if discussion is required in regards to details contained within the Confidential Attachment, that the matters are discussed behind closed doors, in accordance with section 5.23(2)(c) & (e)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1995, being: a contract which may be entered into and information that has commercial value.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

- 1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
  - Pillar: Place
  - Outcome: A safe, sustainable and efficient transport network.

#### In Brief:

- Tender to appoint preferred contractors to "wet" and "dry" hire of civil plant and equipment.
- Contract shall be for an initial period from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024, with a mutually agreed and price negotiated option for a renewal for a further twelve (12) months, and then a further option of another twelve (12) months.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

DIS357: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

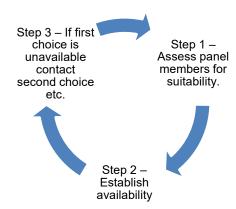
THAT the tendered rates for C23009 Panel of Suppliers – Civil Plant and Equipment recommended by the evaluation panel in the Confidential Briefing Note be ACCEPTED.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 2. The City of Albany ("the City") is seeking to establish a "Panel of Suppliers" for the supply of civil plant and equipment.
- 3. This Panel of Suppliers shall consist of Contractors prepared to "wet" and/or "dry" hire civil plant and equipment to the City. The term "wet" hire refers to the hire of equipment with an operator and "dry" hire refers to hire of equipment without an operator.
- 4. This Panel shall be Council's preferred suppliers and requests for hire of equipment and operators shall be directed to members of this Panel before all others.
- 5. In order to better reflect the nature of works being requested of panel members, the City revised the panel from previous iterations to include two separate price schedules.
- 6. One schedule for works that would be regarded of a "heavy" nature and one schedule for works of a "light" nature.

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- 7. The City encouraged ANY Tenderers who had "light" equipment to submit.
- 8. The City acknowledged that some Tenderers could provide both "heavy" and "light" equipment. Each of the "light" and "heavy" schedules were evaluated separately.
- 9. Plant will be selected from the Contractor identified from the panel who is likely to be able to offer plant from either the "light" or "heavy" rates whichever is fit for purpose for the required works and the Contractor will be engaged by the following methodology.



- 10. In addition to the process map highlighted above, panel members will be engaged after consideration has been given to job requirement, experience of operator (if known), any additional plant required to complete the works, efficient execution of the job, ability to meet the timeframe for the particular works, and best value for money for the City.
- The City requires flexibility in this panel to negotiate and evaluate requirements by individual works. To provide that flexibility we have asked the Contractors to tender day rates.
- 12. During a wet hire period and in the event the machine hired is not being utilised at the time the operator may be instructed by the City of Albany Representative to work on other tasks.
- 13. This arrangement would maximise operator use and would only occur by agreement with the Contractor and the City of Albany Representative.

#### DISCUSSION

- 14. A total of thirty (30) tender documents were issued.
- 15. Tenderers were asked to provide hire rates for various items of plant. These preferred suppliers will be used on an "as and when" required basis with no guarantee of the amount of work required by the City.
- 16. Should there be a requirement for other equipment not on the preferred supplier listing, then the normal procedure for quoting of these services will apply.
- 17. To simplify engagement of the Contractors the mobilisation/demobilisation rates were changed to the "low loader wet hire rate."

18. The tender documents included tender evaluation criteria using the weighted attribute method. This method scores the evaluation criteria and weights their importance to determine an overall point score for each tender. The criteria are tabled below:-

Criteria	% Weight
Cost	40
Relevant Experience	15
Key Personnel Skills and Experience	25
Tenderer's Resources	15
Corporate Social Responsibility	5
Total	100

- 19. Seventeen (17) completed tender documents were submitted on or before the stipulated closing date and time.
- 20. As per Regulations, the tender documents stated that the City's intention was to appoint up to ten (10) Contractors to the Panel of Suppliers.
- 21. There have been three (3) Contractors recommended to be appointed to the Panel of Suppliers Light Equipment and seven (7) Contractors recommended to be appointed to the Panel of Suppliers Heavy Equipment.
- 22. The following table summarises the recommended tenderers and overall evaluation scores applicable to each category of plant for each of the light and heavy categories.
- 23. The hourly rates for the hire, stand by and mobilisation have not been included in the table as these are commercial in confidence, and will not be made publicly available.

#### LIGHT EQUIPMENT

# Small Excavator CCF Class ½ (1 – 2t weight)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer M	708.92
Tenderer I	646.77
Tenderer O	612.30
Tenderer L	580.16
Tenderer C	566.77
Tenderer K	518.83
Tenderer E	407.50

# Small Excavator CCF Class 3.5 (3 – 7.5t weight)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer G	682.84
Tenderer O	622.24
Tenderer B	618.49
Tenderer A	571.94
Tenderer K	534.44
Tenderer E	425.94
Tenderer G	425.92
Tenderer P	400.69

# Small/Medium Excavator CCF Class 7.5 (7.5t – 10t weight)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer I	668.64
Tenderer M	649.89
Tenderer O	646.67
Tenderer A	586.76
Tenderer L	574.95
Tenderer H	542.37
Tenderer G	431.97

# Wheel Loader CCF Class 1.5-2.5 (1.5 – 3t operating capacity)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer A	643.61
Tenderer O	580.99
Tenderer G	437.90

# Tandem Smooth Drum Roller CCF Class 1-2 (2 – 4t weight)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer F	625.59
Tenderer O	587.46
Tenderer G	449.45

# Tandem Multi Tyre/Combo Roller CCF Class 1-2 (2 – 4t weight)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer I	651.25

### **Pedestrian Roller**

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer A	801.25
Tenderer O	380

# Skid Steer (Wheeled) CCF Class 600-700 (600 – 800kg capacity)

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Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer F	681.86
Tenderer B	604.86
Tenderer C	528.44
Tenderer E	409.84

# Skid Steer (Tracked) CCF Class 600-700 (600 - 800kg capacity)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer M	683.80
Tenderer I	667.68
Tenderer A	585.71
Tenderer K	580.18
Tenderer B	576.70
Tenderer C	491.01
Tenderer E	470.99
Tenderer P	446.43

# Small Tipper (2 – 8t capacity)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer F	677.91
Tenderer I	670.85
Tenderer B	595.85
Tenderer G	535.43
Tenderer K	507.27
Tenderer A	487.71

# Tandem Tipper (~12t capacity)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer M	665.38
Tenderer F	658.61
Tenderer I	631.69
Tenderer A	581.69
Tenderer B	574.17
Tenderer C	567.08
Tenderer G	499.83
Tenderer E	467.33
Tenderer P	375.47

# **HEAVY EQUIPMENT**

# Small/Medium Excavator CCF Class 10 (10 – 15t weight)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer C	666.79
Tenderer M	659.51
Tenderer O	626.79
Tenderer L	584.79
Tenderer A	566.10
Tenderer H	553.60
Tenderer K	497.52
Tenderer E	424.90

# Small/Medium Excavator CCF Class 15 (15 – 20t weight)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer O	642.34
Tenderer M	618.22
Tenderer L	602.62
Tenderer C	600.01
Tenderer I	594.12
Tenderer H	560.19

# Medium Excavator CCF Class 20 (20 - 25t weight)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer F	693.16
Tenderer D	676.37
Tenderer O	626.86
Tenderer I	622.61
Tenderer M	603.86
Tenderer L	600.93
Tenderer C	567.33
Tenderer H	546.71
Tenderer A	545.82
Tenderer E	459.08
Tenderer G	418.51
Tenderer B	376.25
Tenderer P	230.00

# Medium Excavator CCF Class 30 (30 - 35t weight)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer M	637.63
Tenderer O	631.59
Tenderer L	617.84
Tenderer C	598.42
Tenderer A	536.70
Tenderer E	405.32

# Long Reach Excavator (19m) CCF 30

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer I	625.21
Tenderer L	592.29

# Wheel Loader CCF Class 3.5-4 (3.5 - 5t capacity)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer F	719.06
Tenderer D	650.67
Tenderer A	625.00
Tenderer M	624.89
Tenderer I	612.29
Tenderer O	595.20
Tenderer C	574.10
Tenderer H	534.11
Tenderer G	410.93

# Wheel Loader CCF Class 5 (5 – 6t capacity)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer F	694.17
Tenderer M	634.43
Tenderer I	624.74
Tenderer A	603.18
Tenderer C	586.05
Tenderer D	584.74
Tenderer H	562.24
Tenderer O	540.57
Tenderer E	461.02

# Wheel Loader CCF Class 6-8 (6 – 10t weight)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer D	704.36
Tenderer L	664.94
Tenderer I	658.44
Tenderer M	627.41
Tenderer H	559.11
Tenderer C	436.22

# Backhoe Loader CCF Class 5-5.5 (5 – 6m digging depth)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer F	738.02
Tenderer I	688.18
Tenderer A	577.66
Tenderer L	416.14

# **Grader CCF Class 15**

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer F	711.33
Tenderer D	657.99
Tenderer C	646.31
Tenderer I	637.08
Tenderer M	593.97
Tenderer H	586.76
Tenderer O	581.34
Tenderer L	567.59
Tenderer A	513.99
Tenderer E	383.64

# **Tractor Mounted Broom**

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer C	598.78

# Self-Propelled Smooth Drum Roller CCF Class 10-12.5 (10 – 15t operating weight)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer F	678.18
Tenderer M	673.54
Tenderer D	670.23
Tenderer I	620.49
Tenderer O	572.09
Tenderer H	557.99
Tenderer C	557.88
Tenderer A	534.60

# Multi-Tyre Roller (10 – 18t operating weight)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer F	695.34
Tenderer M	676.79
Tenderer I	624.40
Tenderer C	580.72
Tenderer O	575.78
Tenderer H	561.90
Tenderer A	538.82

# Self Propelled Pad Foot Roller CCF Class 10-15 (10 – 17.5t operating weight)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer I	654.26
Tenderer M	635.51
Tenderer O	604.06
Tenderer A	571.17

# Skid Steel (Wheeled) CCF Class 600-700 (600 - 800kg capacity)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer F	612.35
Tenderer O	568.90

# Skid Steer (Tracked) CCF Class 600-700 (600 – 800kg capacity)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer M	668.81
Tenderer I	651.19
Tenderer D	644.53
Tenderer O	601.15
Tenderer C	576.56
Tenderer H	572.02
Tenderer A	567.85
Tenderer K	563.69
Tenderer G	456.94
Tenderer E	454.75

# Tandem Tipper (~12 tonne capacity)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer M	667.46
Tenderer F	660.54
Tenderer I	634.06
Tenderer O	584.93
Tenderer A	584.06
Tenderer C	569.52
Tenderer H	554.18
Tenderer J	485.03
Tenderer E	469.49

# Semi Ended Tipper (Bogie-axle)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer E	649.27
Tenderer D	641.52
Tenderer I	637.15
Tenderer A	587.15
Tenderer C	570.08
Tenderer K	564.44
Tenderer H	559.86
Tenderer E	499.19
Tenderer J	483.83

# Semi End Tipper (Tri-axle)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer O	588.88
Tenderer L	575.13
Tenderer A	572.29
Tenderer C	554.07
Tenderer J	498.54
Tenderer G	490.13

# Low Loader (<30t capacity)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer I	667.59
Tenderer D	651.56
Tenderer K	640.03
Tenderer H	629.06
Tenderer F	617.59
Tenderer M	588.89
Tenderer O	576.72
Tenderer J	546.02
Tenderer C	540.05
Tenderer L	530.27
Tenderer A	497.69
Tenderer E	456.37

# Semi Side Tipper (Tri-axle)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer I	656.44
Tenderer M	623.59
Tenderer O	595.45
Tenderer L	581.70
Tenderer H	579.84
Tenderer A	578.24
Tenderer E	515.47
Tenderer J	504.49

# Semi-Trailer – Live Bottom/walking floor

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer D	663.79
Tenderer C	588.43
Tenderer J	485.28

# Road Train (Side Tippers)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer M	631.24
Tenderer O	624.34
Tenderer C	608.11
Tenderer H	607.56
Tenderer L	574.11
Tenderer A	559.87
Tenderer E	411.02

# Water Truck >10,000L tank capacity

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer M	685.53
Tenderer I	672.73
Tenderer F	670.05
Tenderer O	607.22
Tenderer H	594.46
Tenderer D	585.42
Tenderer L	579.13
Tenderer C	541.61

# Dozer CCF Class 20/25 (20-30t operating weight)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer F	735.63
Tenderer I	667.57
Tenderer A	573.30
Tenderer C	568.13
Tenderer E	473.12
Tenderer L	449.76

# Dozer CCF Class 30 (30-40t operating weight)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer J	675.68
Tenderer I	669.60
Tenderer C	555.55
Tenderer E	457.03
Tenderer L	434.63

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# Dozer CCF Class 40 (40-60t operating weight)

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer M	679.76
Tenderer I	638.04
Tenderer C	635.93
Tenderer J	634.31
Tenderer D	582.92
Tenderer L	416.53

## **Mobile Jaw Crusher**

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer I	1136.95
Tenderer E	963.53
Tenderer L	963.34
Tenderer F	932.21
Tenderer C	713.53

# **Mobile Screener**

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer H	1094.30
Tenderer D	1013.65
Tenderer L	956.24
Tenderer I	955.84
Tenderer E	833.67
Tenderer F	706.80

# **Mobile Impact Crusher**

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer I	760.99
Tenderer C	537.83
Tenderer E	492.00
Tenderer L	474.18

# **Tracked Forestry Mulcher**

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer A	799.99
Tenderer D	568.48
Tenderer J	524.98
Tenderer C	445.29

# **Tractor Mounted Stone Crusher/Stabilizer**

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer C	619.46

## **Road Widener**

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer H	666.64
Tenderer D	581.77
Tenderer C	550.35

## **Dump Truck (specify size)**

Tenderer	Weighted Score
Tenderer D	779.58
Tenderer M	689.29
Tenderer I	605.08
Tenderer C	565.81
Tenderer L	420.24

#### **GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

24. A request for tenders was published in the West Australian on 19 April 2023 and the Albany Extra on 21 April 2023.

### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 25. Regulation 11 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 (Regulations) requires Council to publicly tender if the Contract is, or is expected to be, more, or worth more, than \$250,000.00.
- 26. Regulation 18 of the Regulations outline a number of requirements relating to choice of tender. Council is to decide which of the acceptable tenders is the most advantageous to Council. It may also decline to accept any tender.
- 27. Regulation 19 of the Regulations requires Council to advise each tenderer in writing the result of Council's decision.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 28. The City of Albany Tender Policy and Regional Price Preference Policy are applicable to this item.
- 29. The value of this tender is expected to be in excess of \$500,000.00 and therefore Council approval is required as this exceeds CEO's delegation.

## **RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION**

30. The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City's Enterprise Risk and Opportunity Management Framework.

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Organisational Operations. Delays in achieving the capital works and maintenance program.	Unlikely	Major	High	Approve the recommended panel.
Reputation & Financial. Not awarding a panel arrangement and appointing a single Contractor.	Unlikely	Major	High	Approve the recommended panel.
Legal & Compliance. Non-compliance with Contract or business failure	Unlikely	Moderate	Medium	General conditions of contract allow for contract termination on the basis of failure to supply goods and services.
Opportunity: To provide flexibility in project delivery.				

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### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 31. The value of this tender is in excess of \$500,000.00 and therefore the approval s referred to Council for consideration.
- 32. Tenderers were required to provide a schedule of rates for their services. The supply of hire of construction equipment is budgeted for in the capital works and maintenance budgets. The tendered prices are within those allocations.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

33. Nil

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

34. Nil

### **ALTERNATE OPTIONS**

35. Council may accept or reject the tenders as submitted.

## CONCLUSION

36. The City has undergone a competitive process in line with the relevant legislation and established policies.

Consulted References	:	Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 Council Policy – Purchasing (Tenders & Quotes) Council Policy – Buy Local (Regional Price Preference)
File Number (Name of Ward)	:	C23009
Previous Reference	:	C22008

# **DIS358: PLANNING AND BUILDING REPORTS MAY 2023**

Proponent / Owner : City of Albany.

Attachments: Planning and Building Reports May 2023Report Prepared By: Technical Support Officer (P Ruggera)Authorising Officer:: Manager Planning and Building Services

(J van der Mescht)

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

**DIS358: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION** 

**VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY** 

THAT Council NOTE the Planning and Building Reports for May 2023.

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# 14. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF COUNCIL

#### 15. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

# 15.1: NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMSON VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

THAT Council instructs the Chief Executive Officer to present a report at an Ordinary Meeting of Council before 31 August 2023 outlining options for how the City might best assist development of Southern Aboriginal Corporation's planned Kairli Cultural and Language Centre as a major legacy project of the 2026 Albany bicentenary.

#### Councillor Reason:

This motion aims to inform elected members of developments with regard to the planned Kairli Cultural and Language Centre, and to secure the City's priority consideration of assistance it might be able to provide toward the Centre's realisation.

The motion is consistent with Objective 1.5 of the City's Strategic Community Plan, i.e. "to grow recognition and respect for local Indigenous cultures", and with a commitment of that plan to "advocate for a centre for art, culture and story to promote improved knowledge, understanding and respect for local Indigenous cultures and country".

In June 2019, the Albany-headquartered Southern Aboriginal Corporation (SAC) promulgated its plans to build the Kairli Cultural and Language Centre on the Albany foreshore (<a href="https://www.albanyadvertiser.com.au/news/albany-advertiser/cultural-centre-a-tourism-boost-ng-b881233000z">https://www.albanyadvertiser.com.au/news/albany-advertiser/cultural-centre-a-tourism-boost-ng-b881233000z</a>).

In June 2020, Noongar Elders Aden Eades and former City of Albany councillor Carol Pettersen reportedly spoke in support of the project (<a href="https://www.albanyadvertiser.com.au/news/alb

SAC envisages the Centre will be built at a prominent site, on the Princess Royal Harbour waterfront, immediately to the west of Albany Entertainment Centre. The site is historically significant, given it is metres from where Major Edmund Lockyer pulled ashore in 1826, in what was ground zero for European colonisation of the Western third of the Australian continent.

SAC purchased the site from the State in 2019, and advises it has now paid off the \$1 million purchase price and owns the land outright. So SAC – as a not-for-profit community organisation and experienced property manager – has put its money where its mouth is on this major cultural and community development project.

Further, SAC advises that it has a \$2 million conditional funding commitment for the project from the national Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation.

Now, as per advice I provided recently to City councillors and executive administrators, a major opportunity has emerged for SAC to realise its plans for the site, namely the recent release of guidelines for the Federal Government's Growing Regions Program.

Most relevantly for the planned Kairli Cultural and Language Centre, the Growing Regions Program will provide grants up to \$15 million, with only a 10 per cent co-funding requirement for projects run by First Nations organisations such as SAC.

SAC has advised that if it were to lodge an application and secure a \$15 million grant under Growing Regions, it would be in a position to fund the necessary \$1.5 million co-funding requirement. SAC also advises it would warmly welcome contributions and involvement in the project from the City of Albany and the Western Australian Government.

However, SAC further advises that previous requests to the State Government and City for letters of support for the Kairli Cultural and Language Centre have not borne fruit. In that regard, there has been some suggestion that an alternative proposal, which somewhat mirrors SAC's original idea, might be in the offing from some party or parties. That notwithstanding, in the interests of competitive neutrality, it should not be a big burden for the City, at the very least, to agree to provide a letter of support for the Kairli Cultural and Language Centre, a grass-roots community project with potential to bring great economic and cultural investment to Albany.

The Growing Regions Program provides the one-off potential to realise the Centre as likely the largest and most culturally significant legacy project of the 2026 Albany bicentenary.

Since 2019, the City has, on an ongoing basis, convened overarching steering committees for the bicentenary. These high-level discussions are yet to deliver a single announcement of a major legacy project. With the bicentenary now only 30 months away, the City should take all reasonable steps to prioritise facilitation of the Kairli Cultural and Language Centre as *a* major, perhaps *the* major, legacy project of the bicentenary.

The project holds great potential for reconciliation, economic development, tourist attraction and Noongar self-determination at a significant site in a scenic city that was the first urban settlement where Aboriginal people and colonisers learned to live together in Western Australia.

#### **Officer Comment:**

City Officers have had preliminary supportive conversations with Southern Aboriginal Corporation (SAC) representatives regarding the planned Kairli Cultural and Language Centre and the associated Growing Regions Program funding opportunity.

Council may wish to consider options for how the City might best assist development of Southern Aboriginal Corporation's planned Kairli Cultural and Language Centre as a major legacy project of the 2026 Albany bicentenary following confirmation that the project funding has been secured. Noting the outcome of any Centre funding application through the Growing Regions Program will not be known before 31 August 2023.

# 15.2: NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMSON VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

### **THAT Council instructs the Chief Executive Officer to:**

- 1. arrange an inspection of the four Chinese Elm trees on the western side of Spencer Street to assess their potential impact on road safety and the structural integrity of public infrastructure and private property;
- 2. liaise with the owners of 71 Spencer Street with regard to their concerns over the Chinese Elm in front of their State heritage listed building;
- 3. following the above inspection and liaison, present a report at an Ordinary Meeting of Council before the end of August 2023 that provides:
  - a. options for either pruning, keeping or removing the Chinese Elms in the segment of Spencer Street between Earl Street and Grey Street East;
  - b. in the instance that removal is advanced as an option, advice on replacement options for any of the four Chinese Elms with other trees; and
  - c. advice on how any problem Chinese Elms detected elsewhere in Albany might be dealt with.

#### Councillor Reason:

In November, 2021, a caravan towed by a four-wheel-drive was destroyed after colliding with a Chinese Elm that encroaches, at car level, upon Spencer Street near Earl Street.

At the time, the owners of the State heritage listed suites at 71 Spencer Street provided lodging for the elderly caravanners, free of charge, until they could arrange to travel back to their home in New South Wales. The owners of the suites also called upon the City to cut the tree back so it would no longer encroach upon the road (<a href="https://www.albanyadvertiser.com.au/news/albanyadvertiser/local-resident-calls-for-tree-to-be-pruned-after-caravan-crash-in-spencer-st-ng-b882061240z">https://www.albanyadvertiser.com.au/news/albanyadvertiser/local-resident-calls-for-tree-to-be-pruned-after-caravan-crash-in-spencer-st-ng-b882061240z</a>).

Soon after, and periodically since, another councillor and I have requested that the City consider pruning or removing the Chinese Elm. Regardless, the portion of the tree that extends into the road remains unpruned.

Locals colloquially refer to the tree as the 'caravan killer'.

Recently, the owner of another historic house on Spencer Street asked the City to remove a second Chinese Elm on the verge in front of her property. The City acquiesced after the homeowner expressed concerns that the tree might be damaging her house. All that remains of that Chinese Elm is a stump.

Now, the owners of 71 Spencer Street have raised the issue of a third Chinese Elm, planted less than five metres from their historic suites about 25 years ago, causing problems with their gutters and encroaching on a power line.

The owners of 71 Spencer Street have since noticed that, for the first time in their building's 140-year history, the northeast corner of the structure has significant cracks. The owners have further noticed root damage on the footpath and extending into their car park.

The owners want the 'caravan killer' pruned or removed and the Chinese Elm in front of their property removed. If either or both trees are removed, the owners say they would be very happy to have more appropriate street tree(s) that are native to the south coast of the Great Southern region (e.g. red flowering gums, *Corymbia ficifolia*) planted in their place.

Late last year, Emeritus Professor Byron Lamont of Curtin University, a botanist, was cited as saying the Chinese Elm, an introduced species, is inappropriate for use as a verge tree, and is invasive (https://www.yourlocalexaminer.com.au/chinese-elm/).

There are four Chinese Elms on the verge at the western side of Spencer Street between Earl Street and Grey Street East.

#### **Officer Comment:**

The administrative process for dealing with removal of street trees is considered in accordance with our Urban Tree Strategy and Street Trees Community Guidelines. Specifically, the Community Guidelines consider the following possible reasons for tree removal:

- The tree has been assessed by a qualified City Officer / Contractor as being diseased and beyond repair or dead.
- The tree has been irreparably damaged by a storm event.
- The tree is considered hazardous to motorists / pedestrians.
- The tree is affected by road widening requirements, location of services or other necessary infrastructure.
- The tree is in dangerous contact with overhead powerlines.
- The tree impinges on the development potential of abutting properties with no reasonable design alternatives.
- To allow for the construction of an essential City of Albany approved crossover.

These are NOT reasons for tree removal:

- The tree obscures or potentially obscures views (other than minimum safety sight lines for pedestrians or vehicles).
- The tree species is disliked.
- The tree species causes nuisance by way of leaf, fruit, bark shedding etc.
- The tree blocks a non-essential crossover or road verge treatment.
- The tree shades private property.
- Any pruning that is contrary to AS 4373-2007 'Pruning of Amenity Trees'.

Should there be concerns that a tree is unsafe (e.g. at risk of losing branches or falling over) City Officers would undertake a QTRA (Quantified Tree Risk Assessment).

Should an owner believe that damage is being caused to their property by street trees, City officers would seek definitive proof (generally an arborist and/or structural engineers report) prior to remedial works or removal of any trees.

- 16. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS
- 17. MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC
- 18. CLOSURE